

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FLOOD CONTROL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM TO FIELD FLOOD CONTROL COORDINATING COMMITTEES
(Through BAE, FS and SCS)

The instructions for reports on preliminary examinations and surveys emphasize the confidential nature of the findings. In order to clarify the procedure to be followed with respect to release to the public of information on examinations and surveys the Committee has decided to follow the procedure prescribed by the War Department.

All reports on preliminary examinations or surveys whether made under direct authorization of Congress, or at the request of Committees of Congress as expressed through formal resolutions, are considered confidential until their final transmission to Congress or the Committee in question, has been accomplished.

Members of Congress are accorded opportunity, if desired, to read the reports prior to their transmission, subject to the understanding that the contents thereof will not be made public.

When reports are unfavorable for improvement it is the practice of the War Department for the District or Division Engineers to issue a public notice to all known interested parties advising them to this effect. Until the practice of the Department of Agriculture is further developed a similar notice will be issued by the chairman of the appropriate field coordinating committee only upon the approval of the Coordinating Committee in Washington. When such a notice is approved, interested parties desiring data upon which to base an appeal from the findings may be afforded full opportunity to examine copies of the reports in the office of the chairman of the field committee or in this office, and make such notes of the contents as they desire, subject to the understanding that no part of the contents of the reports will be published in the newspapers or otherwise until the reports have been submitted to Congress. Copies of the reports are not furnished or loaned for use outside of the office.

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